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Fire displaces Princess St. residents



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A fire broke out at 33 Princess St. in Fort Erie Friday morning, which destroyed Long Shotz Bar and Grill and left 10 residents without homes.

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A fire that destroyed a restaurant and inn on Princess St. has displaced 10 residents who are now receiving ongoing assistance from the Fort Erie Salvation Army.

Four fire companies from Fort Erie Fire and Emergency Services responded to an aggressive blaze at Long Shotz bar and Grill on Princess St. just before 10:30 a.m., last Friday morning which caused \$1 million in estimated damages, fire Chief Larry Coplen said.

The fire was under control at about 1 p.m. No one was injured.

Elliott Innes, community services manager for the Fort Erie Salvation Army, said the organization's services were called upon to provide assistance to residents living in the Princess St. building.

"We have an emergency disaster team consisting of half a dozen people who are pitched in to help," Innes said, adding that the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls' Salvation Army organizations also assisted.



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The roof of Long Shotz Bar and Grill collapsed while firefighters extinguished the blaze, last Friday morning.

Salvation Army organizations from across Niagara pitch in to help

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"We opened our facility to the victims who were all initially standing outside Robo Mart and were freezing. We provided them with food, shelter and warm blankets."

Elliott said the Salvation Army welcomed the Red Cross into its facility to begin registering victims for assistance.

Once he learned of the fire, Elliott filled his vehicle with water and food sup-

plies to aid firefighters battling the blaze.

"I served the fire department and first responders with granola bars, apples, water and coffee, to keep them going," he said.

"Later in the afternoon,

our mobile outreach program arrived from St.

Catharines to serve the fire-fighters a meal."

Elliott said Salvation Army volunteers left the scene at 5 p.m., when firefighters began to pack their gear

and prepared to leave.

The Salvation Army has assisted the people who lost their homes last Friday by finding them lodging at a local hotel and will continue to support them by helping them secure affordable housing and replacing furniture and personal items such as clothing.

"The response from the community has been overwhelming," Elliott said.

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Council considers impact of new grow-op regulations on town

Councillors consider new legislation introduced by Ministry of Health

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Support from community appreciated

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"People have been calling, e-mailing and using Facebook to ask what they can do to support the relief work happening."

Elliot encourages individuals who would like to support the relief efforts to donate to the Salvation Army's kettle campaign.

The fire, which destroyed the restaurant and inn, was still under investigation as of Monday afternoon.

"We're still looking at a kitchen on the second floor where the fire may have started. It will probably take a few more days to complete the investigation but it isn't suspicious," Chief Larry Coplen said Monday afternoon.

Coplen said the original part of the building is more than 100 years old.

"Parts of it (the building) are older and it has many additions. The original building was approximately 180 years ago."

The cause of the fire was not known by press time.

Large-scale legal commercial marijuana grow-ops could set up shop in Niagara in the new year thanks to new legislation announced in October by the Ministry of Health.

Town staff is considering the impact of these changes on Fort Erie. The new regulations will come into effect in April 2014.

Council facilitated a pub-

lic meeting in the council chambers to gather public input but no one came forward to speak on the matter.

Acting director of community and delivery services, David Heyworth said growing regulations were put in place in 2001, allowing individuals suffering from debilitating illnesses to access marijuana for medicinal use. Under these

regulations, production of marijuana for medicinal use was licensed by Health Canada.

These regulations authorized users to grow their own marijuana in their homes and gardens. It also meant other authorized individuals could grow marijuana on behalf of a limited number of users.

Due to a number of con-

cerns, including improper ventilation, fire hazards and environmental concerns, Health Canada established new regulations which will put an end to small-scale growing in favour of larger operations run by licensed producers.

The federal government has the ability to issue licenses, but it has announced that towns will

be required to make sure licensed producers comply with all municipal bylaws.

Town staff are analyzing Fort Erie's bylaws to ensure these potential facilities fall within appropriate land uses and limit the impact on the community, Heyworth said.

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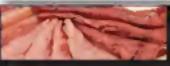
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Councillors express concern about new regulations

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Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular was concerned about whether or not any individual has expressed an interest in bringing a large-scale grow op to Fort Erie.

"Are there one or two people? Are they kicking tires or is there a genuine interest?" Shular asked.

Heyworth said there have been several expressions of interest.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill wanted to know if the potential growers could be identified in a staff report but Heyworth declined to say who has expressed an interest.

"From a high level, we can say which open spaces and agriculture areas can be potential places (for grow

ops) but we can't be much more specific than that at this time," Heyworth said.

A report with staff recommendations concerning the town's bylaws is expected to be brought to council in February.

"We don't want people to think there will be a grow op on every street," Heyworth said.

"This is a reality that is happening," Heyworth said of the new regulations allowing large-scale marijuana growers into Niagara.

"I think we'll do our due diligence with regards to this process. If it is not deemed the most advantageous thing for Fort Erie, we don't want to be grasping at straws."

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Have your say about future of Rose Seaton

Last year, the doors to Rose Seaton Public School closed forever.

The school was shut down after the District School Board of Niagara owns the property, but the Town of Fort Erie is looking at rezoning the property to make it more attractive to business.

Some of the ideas about what the property could be used for were interesting.

Suggestions included turning it into a park, or zoning it to be developed into residential homes.

It will be a long time before the property will see any changes. The former school will likely be rezoned, and then there is a process the school board must follow to sell the land.

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It's clear the property

Rose Seaton sits on will will have an impact on the community.

If residents are concerned about what will happen to this land once Rose Seaton is sold, they should share their concerns or ideas in writing to town staff or e-mail town councillors.

It's important that the community speak up about how they would like to see Fort Erie developed.

After all, once the property is rezoned, sold and development begins, the time for discussion will have passed.

—Sarah Ferguson

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to charterer Rotarian Mary Waytena who called to identify last week's photo taken at the 1973 Fort Erie Santa Claus parade.

Her daughter Susan Waytena and Gary Bears are the presenters on this Rotary Club float.

We received two calls about the previous week's photo of the two painters. Thanks to Yvonne (Benner)

Lauder who identified her father, Don "Sam" Benner (seated) and to Gillian Bryant for identifying her husband Roy Bryant. Sam and Roy were two of the parents from the Mather School PTA helping to fundraise for the school by painting and selling cut-out Christmas decorations. This group would produce hundreds of these and sell them for about \$5.00 a piece.

The photo was taken in the basement of Mather School about 1970.

Why is Santa emerging from the chimney in full view of these children who should clearly be tucked away all snug in their beds? If you know anything about this photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

'Staches make a big difference for prostate cancer

Dear Editor,

directly to men's health programs supported by Movember.

Movember Canada is very proud of this cost ratio, which is well above international standards, and we publish it on our site.

However, we typically don't volunteer this information.

Funds raised by Mo Bros and Mo Sisters support innovative, world-class programs that make a positive impact on men's health.

From 30 Mo Bros in Melbourne, Australia in 2003 to 1.1 million Mo's in 2012, Movember, through the power of the mustache has truly become a global movement that is

changing the face of men's health.

I decided to get involved in 2011 and grew a mustache in November and earned \$400.

In 2011, I decided once again to grow my mustache and joined Claire's Harley-Davidson and our group raised over \$6,000 and I personally raised \$700 in 2012.

In fact, the Harley-Davidson Dealerships across Canada have been a major supporter and contributor to this great movement and has raised over \$177,000 in 2012. Claire's Harley-Davidson has raised over \$4,000 and Harley-Davidsons in Canada have raised over

\$99,000.

This year I set a personal goal of \$1000. I exceeded my goal by \$602.

This year I was supported by several of our friends and also Rocca's Unisen in Welland placed a donation box in the store and raised \$100 for Movember.

We also held a fundraiser on Nov. 29 for our wine and cheese social and a roaring success with over 30 people attending. I was able to obtain several donations and raffle prizes from several area businesses which helped contribute to the fundraiser's success.

The Raffle raised \$181 toward my donation total of \$1602.

A number of businesses

from across Niagara donated prizes to the event. These businesses included Herder Winery, John Hay, Truus Winery, Petro Canada Fort Erie, Jack Shaw Enterprises Limited, Inniskillin, Jackson Triggs, Konzelmann Estate Winery, Stewens Winery, Elbow Club, The Scuttlebutt Tap and Eatery, Peace Bridge Duty Free, Marynissen Estate Winery, Joe's ValueMart Ridgeway, Chateau Des Charrons Winery, Chocolate F/X, St. David's, Riverview Cellars Estate Winery, Ravine Winery, Crystal Wines Crystal Beach, Between The Lines Winery, Movember, Matt Polowyk

and Bill's Toyota Fort Erie. My wife and I want to thank all the people and businesses that supported me this year.

I am already planning for Movember 2014 and hope with the support of our friends and local businesses,

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Graham Rignall
Stevensville

opinion page

Christmas films brighten library during December



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

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Be careful how many friends you invite to dinner



Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

Who doesn't like the feast of the holiday season?

For most, it's a time of laughter, relaxation and the bounty of food and drink. It's also a time when will-power takes a holiday.

Much too much eggnog and other calories are consumed. So do you just give up, or do you decide to be a smart eater? Here's Menu 101 for smart holiday eating.

Dr. Susan B. Roberts, Director of Tufts' University Energy Metabolism Laboratory, says, "Faced with a six week non-stop diet of indulging in fatty and fattening foods, you know you can't win, so you resign yourself in advance and let yourself go."

But what happens to the calorie count on holidays is shocking. For instance,

After the Dec. 9 deadline, these items will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul at St. George's Roman Catholic Church, Kinsmen Gift of Love, the Salvation Army, and other area churches.

Because the War of 1812 lasted through 1814, Bicentennial observances are not yet complete in our town. Join local author and historian Earl Plato and members of the Town of Fort Erie War of 1812 Bicentennial committee at the Centennial branch of the library this Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. to learn about a little-told aspect of the war, its

dramatic effect on the private citizens who lived along both shores of the Niagara River. From Dec. 10 to Dec. 31 of 1813, residents along the river had two very poor choices: their homes were either occupied by soldiers, or their property was destroyed by fire. Which fate would you have chosen? This program is free and open to the public.

We are screening Jim Carrey's portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge in Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, our family film matinee at the Centennial branch on Saturday, beginning at 2

p.m. This animated retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel about a Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption through time, is several minutes longer than the Christmas apparitions is rated PG. Admission is \$3, and we will put on the popcorn.

Next week, kids of all ages can enjoy special holiday-themed Make It: Lego Club at 4 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the Stevensville branch, and next Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Crystal Ridge. There will also be a Lego session at the Centennial branch on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6

p.m. Come and build, with your own bricks or ours; we have lots! Work together with other young people to create a LEGO masterpiece. Parents are encouraged to stay and build with their kids. DUPLO is also available. Each session is \$2.

While families are at the library, they can pick up brand new releases in children's books, including Mo Willems' *I'm a Frog*; Pete the Cat stories by Eric Wilson; Jeff Kinney's latest installment in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, *Hard Luck*; Chris Colfer's *Land of Stories* sequel, *The Enchanted Returns*; and The Grimm

Conclusion by Adam Gidwitz. Readers may also place a hold on their choices online, and receive notification when their selection is in by text message, email, or phone.

For information on holiday programs, books, hours and more at the Fort Erie Public Library, please visit the website at www.fepli.ca.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

I just don't know what you're for.

*Eric Walker
Fort Erie*

Reader: keep your eyes on road, not on technology

Dear Editor,

I am a professional driver.

I am not a perfect driver, but it's getting a little too out of control when, you see all kinds of distractions while behind the wheel of a 2000-pound vehicles.

I realize that our officers are taxed as it is. We really have to start making calls to our local police when we see these wrecks drivers testing and driving. Just check out the accidents due to distractions while behind the wheel.

One morning I witnessed two drivers in the wrong lane of traffic while texting or viewing a text...

Keep our responsibility on the road not to modern technology.

*Elaine MacKenzie
Fort Erie*

hunger and consume more at the next sitting.

Why does this happen? Roberts claims our intestinal processes speed up when we eat rich food, so the stomach empties more rapidly. This means that going from one feast to another doesn't allow us to revert to normal eating habits as the stomach craves out for more food. This leads to more sugar, saturated fats, sodium and alcohol.

But the holiday season does not have to end up as a nutritional disaster. One protective move is to start eating a high fiber breakfast cereal at the start of the season. This is prudent and timely as the time of year as fiber decreases the hunger reflex so when dinner is served you eat less food.

Multiple studies also show that where food is located on the table determines how much you pile on your plate.

So make sure the high calorie foods and the wine bottle are not near you.

You're also lucky if your dinner guests are skinny. Roberts claims that short, skinny neighbours will serve themselves smaller portions and this shames you to consume smaller amounts than tall, overweight or athletic ones.

Her other suggestions tell us what common sense has told us in the past.

Namely, it's wise to plan a menu that has a good portion of low-calorie fruit and vegetable.

Carbohydrates are also decreased when dinner guests have less choice and variety in foods. In fact, Roberts stresses that guests find it comforting when offered a meal that doesn't make them overeat.

Are you a speed eater?

If so, try to slow down and be

one of the last to see your plate empty.

This usually ensures you won't be tempted by a second helping.

Besides, other guests will not be amused at having to wait and watch you eat "seconds."

I'm sorry to report to Dr. Roberts that I can't accept her advice and say no to mashed potatoes.

I love them, but I'll use skim milk to wash them rather than load on fat and butter.

Moreover, I don't intend to stop the cocktails. I'd agree if you're not a moderate drinker.

But the festive season demands some celebration. I'll take a glass of Chardonnay along with my mashed potatoes this holiday season.

I'm not as concerned about the Bay Beach condo as I once was, because those four councillors who have done as much as humanly possible to derail this fabulous opportunity, have an economic plan of their own of equal value for Fort Erie to place it.

I mean why, else would an educated responsible person in a position of authority, kill an opportunity like this unless they had a better and equally viable option for our struggling community?

I ask only one small thing, fill us in on your grand plan for Fort Erie using the same deadline you gave the Molinaros.

This town needs some good news, and since you've already spent so much of our money, we can't even get the Kinsmen pool open, we wait with bated breath.

Please don't take this the wrong way, I know what the four of you are against.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act and Division C, Section 1.9.1.2 of Ontario Regulation 350/06 of the said Act that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of January 13, 2014 to increase the current building permit fees.

Builders and members of the public are invited to appear before Council at the Public Meeting to be held on:

Monday January 13, 6:00 p.m. 2014

1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario

Written submissions will also be accepted by the Clerk up until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday January 8, 2014.

The proposal is to increase Building Permit Fees by 1.2% effective February 1, 2014. The objective is to operate closer to cost recovery from permit fee revenue. The costs of administering and enforcing the Building Code Act is available on the Town's website.

For information regarding Building Permit Fees, please contact Robert Romanuk, Chief Building Official at: (905) 871-1600 Ext. 2515 or rromanuk@forterie.on.ca

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at its meeting of January 13, 2014 to address the proposed increase in building permit fees may register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 8, 2014 by calling 905-871-1600 ext 2236 or 2212.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 25th day November, 2013.

Carolyn J. Kett,
Town Clerk
Town of Fort Erie
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Tree of Lights campaign chair Helen Eggleton prepares fro Christmas at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site. She encourages individuals to honour the memory of loved ones, or who are fighting a battle with an illness by lighting the hospital site's trees to support the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Shine a light to support hospital foundation

Tree of Lights campaign has begun

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Douglas Memorial Hospital Site will be illuminated in honour of loved ones battling disease and in memory of those who have lost their battles.

The Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation has kicked off its annual Tree of Lights Campaign, which relies on money for lights used at the local medical facility, said campaign chair Helen Eggleton.

"We light the trees outside the hospital with Christmas

lights. You can pay anything you want to contribute and we'll light the trees in honour of someone who is sick, or in memory of someone that has passed," Eggleton said.

Now in its 20th year, the campaign has raised thousands of dollars to help make the site more comfortable for patients.

"In the last two years, we have furnished the new sun room and paid for the 60-inch television for the patients in the common room as well as televisions in all of the palliative care rooms," Eggleton said.

"We also received enough money from last year's Tree of Lights campaign to purchase 46 over-the-bed tables."

The hospital site's current bedside units can no longer be cleaned, so this year's campaign will help the hospital foundation pay for new

ones that can be cleaned to infection control standards.

Eggleton said the holiday campaign is extremely important because it provides much needed equipment. The campaign chair encourages people to support their local hospital site because it is still a widely used and important urgent care site.

Eggleton said the campaign will continue for many years.

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Going bald for bucks



CHRISTINE BROUGHTON Special to The Times

Shannon Richardson shaved her locks off on Nov. 27 in support of the Roswell Cancer Institute. She donated her hair to Locks of Love. At her school, Ridgeview Crystal Beach High School collected donations during a hot day on Nov. 22. Richardson donated \$432 with the help of her school community.

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For pregnant women, the effects of smoking are similar to those of a mother's voice, but the sound-processing parts of the brain become active in the last trimester of pregnancy, and sound carries hefty well through a mother's abdomen. Although it is uncertain, some infants may have a hearing advantage birth. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, **YEAR AGAIN BALANCE & HEARING CLINICS** 905-871-4242. We are located at 810 Garrison Rd., Unit 12, and our hours are M-F, 8am-5pm. Most major insurance accepted. Please visit www.yeahagain.com for more information.

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Experts to lead bird migration tour Sunday

Tour to take place along Niagara River where thousands of birds fly over in the winter

For The Times

The phenomenon of thousands of birds flying in to overwinter along theraging Niagara River every year, is the reason local people site hundreds of people along the Niagara River lookout from mid-November through

December.

This world-famous bird migration attracts birders from all around the world. On Sunday Dec. 8, Niagara Nature Tours has arranged for two distinguished guides to lead a tour along the Niagara Peninsula, to discover why it's been called a paradise for over win-

tering waterfowl and gulls.

Avid birder John Black, a retired Brock University physics professor, and Dan Salisbury, a second-generation birder from the Niagara Peninsula, will be leading this bus tour.

With limited walking,

clearly.

The Niagara River Corridor, a globally significant bird area for gulls and waterfowl also includes a myriad of bird species including loons, vultures, grebes, swans, peregrine falcons and bald eagles.

It supports one of the world's most spectacular concentrations of gulls, with 21 species recorded, and a one-day count of over 100,000 individuals.

Having migrated south from Greenland and the Canadian Arctic they feed on alewives, shiners and other small fish in the open water of the Niagara River.

In 1996, the Niagara River was designated an Important Bird Area (IBA) and became the first site to be identified jointly as a globally significant IBA by both Canada and the US.

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Carla Carlson, owner of Niagara Nature Tours said they have a comfortable motor coach for a day of camaraderie and fun, stopping for a special luncheon.

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Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unsung heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by The Fort Erie Times and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

1. Work with Seniors	6. Education	10. Work with Needy or Disabled
2. Work with Youth	7. Sports & Recreation	11. Volunteers under 21
3. Historical Contribution	8. Safety	12. Community Events
4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.)	9. Service Clubs	
5. Protecting the Environment		

In addition to the 12 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times.

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2. Mail, fax, phone, e-mail or e-mail of your nomination to The Fort Erie Times 490 Garrison Road, Fort Erie Ontario L2A 1N3 or E-Mail: myra.kerrison@sympatico.ca
3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area.

Suspect arrested in Sudbury in connection with Fort Erie murder

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

A 66-year-old man has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of an retired Fort Erie businessman.

The body of Blake Nicholls, 81, was found last Monday in his Berie St. home, right from the start, Niagara Regional Police said the death was "suspicious."

After an autopsy was

conducted in Hamilton last Wednesday, police announced Nicholls died as a result of foul play.

A suspect was arrested without incident last Thursday near Sudbury.

"We had information that he left town and went to Hamilton and from there we were able to trace him to Sudbury," said Det. Staff Sgt. David Hunter.

Hamilton police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Greater Sudbury Police Services assisted in the search for the suspect.

Hunter said Nicholls and the suspect were known to each other.

Charged with second-degree murder is Michael LaForme, 66, of Fort Erie. He was scheduled to appear in court last Friday and again yesterday by video in St. Catharines.

Nicholls, a father of three and grandfather of six, opened Nicholls Marine on Niagara Boulevard in 1956.

Nicholls ran for regional councillor in 2006.

"He was a great man," his

son Tim Nicholls said last Thursday. "He was always helping people."

Nicholls said his father's passion was his family, and gardening—on a grand scale.

"He had a few acres out of town that he worked on and plowed himself."

One of his most prolific crops was squash, which not only shared with his family, but also the community.

"Whatever he didn't use, he'd donate," Nicholls said. "He'd donate to the

Salvation Army and he even use to donate to the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital in Dunnville."

A funeral service will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, the man arrested in connection with Nicholls' murder has a storied past.

In 1998, he was arrested in Bafford, N.Y., and charged with two counts of robbery in connection with a pair of armed holdups in Fort Erie.

He was charged with

arson following a fire in Fort Erie on Christmas Day, 2009, and in 2011, he was charged with several theft-related offences in Florida.

An acquaintance of LaForme, who did not want to be identified, said her friend has had a "hard life."

She described him as "a good person, but through out his life he has had many confrontations with the law."

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Six of Niagara's hospital foundations have agreed to amalgamate into one

The six hospital foundations will make the transition into one foundation in January

straints," but it hopes to be part of the amalgamation in the "very near future."

There has been talk for 20 months about creating the new organization, to be known as One Foundation.

A hospital foundation raises money to purchase and replace medical equipment. The provincial government funds the bricks and mortar and operations of hospitals.

One Foundation will have 18 volunteer board members—five from St. Catharines, four from Niagara Falls, three from Niagara-on-the-Lake, three from Welland, and one from Port Colborne, and one from Fort Erie.

The chairman will be St. Catharines' Mike Jago. Niagara Falls' Joe maggio, and Port Colborne's Cindy Thompson will be the two vice-chair.

"We will have resources in all of the hospitals ... a presence, just as we do now," said Watt.

The new board said it has a responsibility to direct gifts to areas of their special interest. Donors in all communities will be able to direct their gifts to sites or programs locally or to regional programs and services such as cancer, stroke, cancer and mental health.

Wishes regarding existing donor funds will also be honored.

"Part of our amalgama-

tion agreement that all existing foundations signed had that written into our agreement," said Nieuwsteeg, who will be on the one Foundation board representing Niagara Falls.

The board's next step will be recruiting a chief executive officer to replace four executive director vacancies positions and organize a fundraising committee for the proposed south Niagara hospital on the outskirts of Niagara Falls.

Watt said the board is "absolutely" behind the

Nhs proposal to build a new Niagara Falls hospital at the corner of Lyons Creek and montröse rds. to replace aging sites in Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie.

"There has been, obviously, some political division over the new Niagara south hospital, but I think we, as a foundation, need to speak up as speaking with one voice across the region," he said.

"I think that sends absolutely the right message to the minister (of health) about how we feel about

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"This way we will not have duplication of staff roles, and can maximize what we can accomplish in terms of dollars spent and keeping the community aware of the urgent needs of our hospitals."

Six hospital foundations in Niagara have agreed in principle to amalgamate.

The amalgamation into One Foundation will take effect in January. The head office will be in Welland.

Nieuwsteeg said the only foundation not yet on board is Niagara-on-the-Lake "due to time con-

Fort Erie could host Year of the Horse Festival in the new year

Organizers will quickly finalize details once approval is given from Premier Kathleen Wynne

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A grand festival may be galloping its way to Fort Erie.

If Premier Kathleen Wynne gives it the green light within the next few weeks, organizers will quickly solidify details to host the 2014 Year of the Horse Festival with live racing events in August as part of a provincewide cele-

bration.

The Chinese new year will celebrate the year of the horse in 2014, so it's perfect timing to host a festival in Fort Erie, said Jim Thibert, chief administrative officer of Fort Erie's 14th Race Conservancy.

The Chinese new year starts in January so there isn't a lot of time. We think it should be a fairly easy

commitment from the premier," Thibert said.

Thibert said the consortium joined with Racing Futures, an advocacy group for horse racing and developed the festival in response to a new five-year, \$4-million funding

plan put forward for the Ontario horse-racing industry outlined by Wynne in October.

A panel tasked with charting a new course for the industry suggested Fort Erie's racetrack consider hosting a festival with thoroughbreds shipped in on race days, Thibert said.

"We have hit every bell, every whistle and every target the racing panel has asked for," Thibert said.

Dennis Mills, founder of

Racing Futures, said the proposed festival would be the biggest festival of its kind in Canada.

"It could be like the Kentucky Derby," he said.

Mills said there are three components to the festival that people will enjoy.

The festival will feature the unveiling of a Regal Horse, which will be made out of Chinese bamboo.

"The Asian community is famous for using bamboo in their designs and in their architecture," Mills said.

He said people would come from Hong Kong to construct the horse, which will stand five stories high. It is expected to set a Guinness record for being the largest man-made horse constructed from bamboo.

Organizations from across Ontario will receive quilt pieces which will be used for fundraising. Charities may fundraise for their organizations by getting donor's names and palm prints on the quilt pieces which will be attached to the horse to form a skin.

Mills said the festival would feature Asian-inspired foods and music, along with the Asian Cup, a race inviting jockeys from the Asian Racing Federation. Jockeys from countries such as Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Japan are expected to race in Fort Erie.

The second main racing event will be the Wisdom Cup, which will serve as a reminder to respect elders.

"In the Asian community, they have an extraordinary respect for their elders. The Asian Cup will be a reminder of that," Mills said.

Mills said he needs Wynne to say two words before organizers can move forward with plans.

"We need her to say let's go," Mills said.

The hope is that it becomes so successful that it becomes an annual event," Mills added.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Queen Elizabeth Way and Bowen Road Interchange Improvements

G.W.P. 2482-04-02

Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in cooperation with the Regional Municipality of Niagara, have retained URS Canada Inc. to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Design Study for the interchange improvements at the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Bowen Road in the Town of Fort Erie, Niagara Region. EA approval for the Preliminary Design for the Bowen Road interchange improvements for the two lanes will be required before the project can proceed. In addition to land use, this study will examine bridge alignment and design alternatives for replacing the existing two-lane bridge with a wider bridge, including construction staging and detour alternatives. This study will also examine alternatives for modifying and potentially reconfiguring the Bowen Road interchange.

THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (amended 2000).

Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with the public and stakeholders.

One Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held during this study to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input to the Project Team. Notification of the PIC and of the availability of the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Addendum for review will be published in local newspapers and mailed to those on the study mailing list.

A TESR Addendum will be prepared and made available for public review at the completion of the study. The TESR Addendum will update the information presented in the 2009 TESR and document the proposed changes to the preferred alternative (two lanes – interim design) for the QEW/Bowen Road interchange, a summary of potential environmental effects and mitigation measures and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study.

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



Spirit of Christmas

Downtown Ridgeview will be filled with holiday cheer during a two-day festival this Friday and Saturday.

The Spirit of Christmas is free for everyone and features school choirs, a candlelight walk, a tree lighting, horse-drawn carriage rides and hot chocolate.

Holiday house tour

Get into the holiday spirit by viewing beautifully decorated homes during the 2013 Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Tickets are \$20 and proceeds from the home tour will benefit the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie.

The event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes a bake sale and the grand opening of the HIAFE's River Revival Shop.

For more information call the HIAFE at 905-871-7798.

Time to renew outdoor cards

The Ministry of Natural Resources is reminding people to renew their outdoors cards, along with their hunting and fishing licences as these items are required to hunt or fish in the province.

The card is valid for three calendar years and all cards expire on the same date at the end of the three-year term.

Those card holders, who licences are set to expire on Dec. 31 can begin renewing their cards on Dec. 3.

Cards can be renewed online at Ontario.ca/outdoorscard, in person at participating Service Ontario Centres or by calling 1-800-288-1155.

Information sessions

The Town of Fort Erie is hosting an open house to provide the public with more information about the Stevensville Secondary Plan.

The open house will be held at Stevensville Memorial Hall, 2508 Stevensville Rd. in Stevensville on Thursday, Dec. 5.

The open house will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Another open house has been scheduled to learn more information about the Black Creek Secondary Plan. This open house will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Black Creek Community Centre, 2959 Baker Rd. in Stevensville.

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Switching gears

Ridgeway's Jim Grimwood hopes to change careers by starting a motorized tricycle business

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Riding around his Ridgeway neighbourhood on a recumbent tricycle, Jim Grimwood waves to people as he goes by. It's not uncommon for people to stop and stare at his 110-pound motorized recumbent tricycle. Other times, people ask Grimwood where the tricycle came from.

"They always say 'that's really cool' and it's a lot of fun," Grimwood said.

Building these tricycles is a hobby that Grimwood began 15 years ago when he took his bicycles apart and used the parts to build the tricycles. He did all of the work in his own garage.

He began to build the tricycles for fun, but he eventually realized they were perfect for people with disabilities that couldn't ride bicycles.

Grimwood, who worked as an engineer for more than 40 years in Fort Erie and Montreal, said he decided to turn his hobby into a full-time business.

The Fort Erie Times sat down with Grimwood to talk about motorized recumbent tricycles.

Question: How did you come up with the idea to build the tricycles?

Answer: It started 15 years ago. I was talking with a friend at the office and we thought about making a recumbent bicycle. I built the first prototype from a scooter.

Q: How long does it take to build a tricycle?

As it takes about three months to make one, but it depends on how much time I spend on it. I make every part of it except the wheels and the motor.

Q: How is your design of recumbent tricycles different from anything else on the market?

At while using the motor, I can peddle 32km an hour and help the peddle up the hill.

My trikes are also custom built. They have to be because everyone's arm length and height is different.

Q: What do you enjoy about making these tricycles?

I just like to build things. I've been building things all my life.

Q: What do you enjoy about making people ride your tricycles?

As I like to see people who've never been able to ride a bike before get on one of my trikes. I like to see the smile on their faces and they think "Wow, I can ride this thing."

Q: How can you personalize a tricycle for a specific person?



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway resident Jim Grimwood hopes to make a business out of the motorized recumbent tricycles he began building 15 years ago.

As it's based on a person's imagination. Every trike needs to have brakes, pedals and mirrors, but I can try to do almost anything people think of.

Q: What's the hardest part of building a trike?

As everything. I've built many trikes and no two are ever the same.

Q: What does it feel like riding

one of your trikes?

As it's very comfortable, and very relaxing as you sit upright, it's like sitting in a lawn chair.

Q: Is it difficult to add the motor to the triicycle?

As it is difficult because you never know what kind of issues you might run into. Sometimes when you put a trike together, and it's finished, it doesn't

work right away and it could be something as simple as a tail-light not working.

Q: How do handle situations when all of the gadgets don't work right away?

As sometimes you don't know until you take it apart. Sometimes it's a matter of which controls go with which wires.

Q: How do you feel when you've completed another trike?

As it feels great. I like to take a test ride and see how fast it goes.

For more information about the tricycles, e-mail Grimwood at jim.grimwood@mail.com.

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Fort Erie Arts Council planning ahead for 2014 programs at Sanctuary

Annie Pasquariello
For The Times

Trying to come up with new and different ideas each year for a non-profit

organization can pose a challenge.

But the Fort Erie Arts Council has already started thinking of new strategies for 2014.

The council held its 10th annual general meeting last Wednesday at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway to officially appoint the new president

and discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Incoming president Michelle Morrissey is enthusiastic to put in place some of her new ideas and restructuring of the council.

As an artist herself and member of the community, past president Sheri Ordinario says Morrissey is "more than qualified to take over the role."

One of Morrissey's first orders of business is to try to restructure the council with specific roles to each member.

She noted that people are busy, and this is a way they know exactly what they need to do.

Morrissey would also like to see a stronger online presence and has ramped up the membership benefits.

"What can we offer people? We need to go beyond the gates for Fort Erie. We can cross and cross reference with businesses and offer incentives or discounts, she says.

With many events already on the calendar, Morrissey says there should be something going on at least once a month and hopes to figure out why some events are successful

and others not. Morrissey says she wants to get people involved and serve the people in the community and is open to opinions and ideas with the new board and committees.

"I want the many voices to shape this great council."

The new board members are new president Michelle Morrissey, past president Sheri Ordinario, member-

ship coordinators Lorraine Pichette and Phyllis MacKay, committee coordinator Donna MacLeod, committee and treasurer Lisa Smid, treasurer.

The council has one more position to fill for communications co-ordinator.

The Fort Erie Arts Council will hold its next general meeting in January 2014.

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ANNE PASQUARIELLO Special to the Times

Fort Erie Arts Council members, Sheri Ordinario, past president, and Michelle Morrissey, incoming president, at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway to hope to improve the Sanctuary and host more entertainment and arts in 2014.

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Love, Gael

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Love, Hunter

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Love, Hunter

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Dear Santa,

My name is Brooklyn and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge public school. I left you sun cookies and milk. I have been very good girl. I would like the Dolly.

Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,

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Love, Madeline

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Love, Harish

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Love, Maxica

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Love, Caren

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Thank you, Evan

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My name is Shay and I am 6 years old. What do minster eat? For Christmas I would like a cell phone.

Shay

Dear Santa,

My name is Jade and I am 5 years old. Do you still have Rudolph? For Christmas I would like butterscotch candy.

Jade

Dear Santa,

My name is Sean. I am 6 years old. What type of cookie do you like. For Christmas I would like skylander swamp toxos.

Sean

Dear Santa,

My name is Enrique. I am 6 years old. How does your sleigh fly. When did you get Rudolph. Have a good flight.

Enrique

Dear Santa,

My name is Chloe and I am six year old. How is Rudolph? Do you still have Rudolph?

For Christmas I would like a skateboard. Santa I love you.

Chloe

Dear Santa,

My name is Sebastian and I am 6 years old. I would like a baby doll that talks.

Love, Sebastian

Dear Santa,

My name is Nathan. For Christmas I would like WWE power stuns. Do you still have Rudolph? I love you.

Nathan

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Dear Santa, Christmas is being good. How are your elves doing at making toys. Can I please have a trampoline. I love you Santa.

Love, Jordi



Dear Santa, How are you and I really like you. I want cars. Merry Christmas.

From, Colleen



Dear Santa, How are you doing? Can I please have a toy for Christmas. Tell the Elves I love this toy. I love you

Your friend, Cadden



Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus. I will like a stinkin skatboard.

Love, Amy



Dear Santa, What's in your bags. I want a game. I want a toy lizard. I want a logo Reindeer box.

Love From, Tati



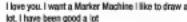
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From, Weston



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Your friend Gavin.



Dear Santa, We like Santa. I can't wait to sit on your lap this year. I want to hug you. Santa would you like to bring me a car with no batteries and a remote control airplane. For my brothers can bring Austin an airplane and for Ian an airplane too.

Love, Zachary



Dear Santa, Please can I have a we trampoline. Pleas can I have a Sc d.

Bye Santa



Your friend, Maddie

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Dear Santa, My name is Madison Do you have a Santa Puppy? Are you big or little? How are the reindeer? May I please have a toy dog, Emily Grace and American Girl doll and nail polish greater? And a home. I have been very good. Thank you Santa

From, Madison

Dear Santa, My name is Madison I have been on the good or the bad list? Do you have a pet? May I please have boy blues, my little American girl car carrying dyno. I have been a good girl. Thank you Santa

Love, Madison J

Dear Santa, My name is Isabella. Do you have a dog or a puppy. Do you have a pet dragon. May I please have an American girl doll, a little set, American girl doll, and purple nail polish. I have been a very good girl. Thank you Santa

Love, Isabella

Dear Santa, My name is Isabella, how are the Elfies? Do you have a reindeer in the Elfies? Do you have a Santa puppy? May I please have a Lalaloopsy and an American girl and a Monster High doll and a shelf on the shelf.

Love, Nevaeh

Dear Santa, My name is Isabella do you have a pet dog or puppy. How small are the Elfies? Do you have a Santa puppy? May I please have a Lalaloopsy and an American girl and a Monster High doll and a shelf on the shelf.

Love, Isabella

Dear Santa, My name is Dakota. What do reindeers eat? How are the Elfies? What size are the Elfies? May I please have a Scooby doo Set and a kitten pet shop set. A lego friends set I have been good.

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Dear Santa, My name is Brooke. Have I been good or bad? Do you have a pet dragon? Are the reindeer big? May I please have colourful pens, American girl and Littlest pet shop.

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Love, Camryn

Dear Santa, My name is Evangelina. How are the Reindeer? Do you have magic? May I please have a Lalaloopsy silly hat, a tea set a American girl doll. I have been very good.

Love, Evangelina

Dear Santa, My name is Ryan. How small are the Elves. Do you have a pet? May I please have a baby blade and a skateboard. I have been good. Thank you Santa

From, Ryan

Dear Santa, My name is Sage. How old are you? Do you have a pet? How are the Elfies? May I please have a Barbie and colourful American girl doll, Monster high doll and a monster high doll. I have been very good this year. Thank you Santa

Love, Sage

Dear Santa, My name is Zachary. I am in grade 1! Do you have a reindeer? Do you have an owl? May I please have a Hockey Jersey and a Hockey stick all Buffalo Sabres. I have been a good girl. Thank you Santa

Love, Zachary

Dear Santa, My name is Kelsin. Do you have a pet dragon? Do you have a pet? May I please have a Barbie and a Monster high doll, a dino set, a little pet shop animal and a butterfly set. I have been good. Thank you Santa

Love, Kelsin

Dear Santa, My name is Owen and I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1. How are the elves doing? What are the elves making? What do the reindeer eat? Can I please have a Bay Blade Eagle. For Christmas can I please have a Lalaloopsy and a toy too. For Christmas can I have a reindeer and a dog. I hope I am on the good list because I have tried to be good this year. Thank you Santa

Love, Owen

I have been very good. Thank you Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Siaha and I am 6 years old. How are you? Are you? How are the reindeer. How is Mrs. Claus Doing? May I please have a Bay Blade for Christmas? Can I please have a Monster High doll called Jazelle and a real puppy too? I have tried to be good all year and I hope I'm on the good list. Thank you you

From, Siaha

Dear Santa, I'm Peyton and I'm 6 years old. Are the Reindeers ready to fly? What happens when there isn't a chimney? Do you like cookies and milk? May I please have an Egg Bay Blade for Christmas. May I please have a crayon marker and sweater with robots and an eagle on the front; I have been good all year and I hope to be on the good list. Thank you Santa

Love, Peyton

Dear Santa, I'm Brook-lyn and I'm 5 years old. Are you doing good? Are the elves doing good? Are you busy making toys too for all the kids? May I please have a doll house and a doll and my little pony for Christmas. I have been a good girl. Thank you Santa I love you

Love, Brook-lyn

Dear Santa, My name is Matteo. Have I been good or bad? Do you go on a vacation? How is dasher? May I please have a show gun set steel with a steel stadium Bayblade set with carburetor ics and eagle and galaxy Poggies.

I have been very good. Thank you Santa

From, Matteo

Dear Santa, My name is Kalden. Do you have Magic. Do you have a Pet? May I please have a dinosaur, show gun set, a show gun stadium bay blade set with pirates or a jinga a fort and socks. I have been good Santa.

Love, Kalden

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Dear Santa,
My name is Hannah I am 6 years old . I am at Stevensville public school. How are you doing? I want a Monster High castle and a Monster High doll and Cleo an American Doll.

Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Cadie I go to Stevensville Public School. I am 6 years old. I am in Grade 1. I live in the North Pole. All I want for Christmas is a pogo stick and a Vancouver sweater and Beats headphones and new mittens.

Love, Cadie

Dear Santa,
Hi I'm Mackenzie, I go to Stevensville School. I am a grade 1, I am 6. Do you get the presentz from the store? Have you met Jesus? I want an American Girl, an alarm clock and a monster high doll. Hope you have a more Christmas.

Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Dylan and my school is Stevensville Public School and I'm 6 years old. My grade is grade 1 . I go out there Santa and I want a dog for Christmas and if you don't give me a dog it's ok. Thank you for giving me gifts.

Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
Can I have a xbox, can I have a call of duty, can I have a zoe, can I have a trip to Florida, can I have a sonic costume, I am going to give you cookies

From, Cason.

Dear Santa,
I am 6 My name is Lauren How are your Elfs? I wode like a Barbie I am in grade 1. You are nice.

From, Lauren

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt, I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I love your Elfs. I want an xbox 360. I love you Santa

Wyatt

Dear Santa,
My Name is Abigail Anne. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I wet call me Kreype and I wet like a monster high doll obz he is mine! Cddy nadl and I wet a Okayakura study. How many presents do you get delivred on Christmas. And you are kind.

Love, Abby

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaiden. So you are the best Santa. I would like a crt glick and a xbox. Is your Elf busy

Love, Jaiden



Dear Santa,
My name is Mackenzie. I am 6 years old I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want a Monstr High Doll and I want to no that how you go down my chimne Santa I love you

From, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
My name is Devorah, I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. How ar yr elfs? Can we ples have a eay bac

own

Love, Devorah

Dear Santa,
My name is Aiden. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I wet Karla eggnog. How are you doing. I am going to liv yr rendeer food.

From, Aiden

Dear Santa,
My name is Caitlyn I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. Can I have a cat toy? I love you Santa

Love, Caitlyn

Dear Santa,
I am six yrs old My name is Logan. I am in grade 1. I want a toy gun piez. I want a ectr. I wil leave cookies and karls for the rendeir. I love you Santa

From, Logan

Dear Santa,
My name is Quints. Wil you give me a drc. Bill. Do you lov it at the North Pole. Can I see the Reindeir. Can I see you

From, Quints

Dear Santa,
My name is Eddie I am six years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want a Berry Boo the name is Comit. You are nice. I love you Santa

From, Eddie

Dear Santa,
My name is Phoenix, I am 6 years old, I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. How are your rendeir. I love you Santa

Love, Phoenix

Dear Santa,
My name is Miles. I am six years old. I am in grade one at Stevensville P.S. How do you get to all the kids in the world. I love you and your elf. Santa do you get to 7000 people in gus one day. And I want skylanders swap fose.

Love, Miles

Dear Santa,
My name is Lella. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. Do you like it in the North Pole? I want a Barbie doll. I love you Santa

Love, Lella

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Dear Santa,
Dev. See you soon Jesus. I would like Win Jogh
From, your friend Gavin

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, I can't wait until Jesus Birthday. Jesus Birthday is on Christmas day. I am your friend.
Love, Alexandra

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph, How are you and Mrs Claus. Do you now me? I now you. I love you Santa Claus. You look Pribne. Mrs Claus. I love Rudolph I like your nows.

Love, Olivia

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph? Do you now Jesus? How is Mrs Claus? Do you want a present. Do you now me? I now you! I love you.

From, your friend Shakaya

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is GG. Is she doing good? Do you love Jesus? How is Mrs Claus doing? Pleas can I have a lego city my stikes? How is he doing good? Did the Elfs like my stikes? How are you done and the other rendeir are they doing good. Love your friend

Love, friend

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph. How is Mrs Claus. How is your Reindeir? I ct wt for Chremes. I wot a eff on the shelf and I wet a lego city

Love, Breah

Hi Santa,
How was your day? Say Hi to Mrs Claus for me. I love Jesus and I cant wait till Chremes. How is Rudolph Say Hi to Rudolph for me. When I was visiting with you yesterday I forget to ask you for something for majic ken.

From, your friend Alana

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph. How is Mrs Claus. I wot a eay call of the North Pole. Can I see the Reindeir. Can I see you

From, Eddie

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From, your friend Ethan

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Dear Santa,
My favorite book is the mouse one. I like to play with Samantha. That's it I want to play with my logo toys. I want a ninja turtle.

Love, Damian

Dear Santa,
How is miss clos and Els. Pleas can i have a plane.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause and the Elves.

Love, Isabelle

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Clause and Elves.

From Peyton

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus and Your Elves. I want tow present.

Love, Jackie

Dear Santa,
I will wot a lopd and a Buddy doll - How are Mrs Clause and the Elves

Love, Sam

Dear Santa,
I just want to have a good Christmas, Also, how are your elves.

From, Kendra

Dear Santa,
I thank you for the PSQA is Brea.

Love, Karla

Dear Santa,
I will leave milk and cookies.

Love Mitchell

Dear Santa,
Can I have 5 pokemon cards for Christmas. I love Christmas.

Love, John

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a Bre sotu.

Love, Abby



Dear Santa,
Say hi to mis claus pls. Can you give Moo Moo Meror Carl Knezo Sos.Love

Sincerely, Carter

Dear Santa,
Can you pleas give me a hug? Can you pleas give me and Kirby a Wil.

From, Brayden

Dear Santa,
How is your morning for Christmas. I would like a Wil.

Sincerely, Jaunic

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am waiting for baby Jesus to come. I am very happy for Christmas. Say hello to the Reindeer.

Sincerely, Isaiah

Dear Santa,
How are you? If I bin a good girl Ples can I have a vapir dire mueve and clos.

Sincerely, Kylee

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. How is the Reindeer. How are you Santa. I love you Santa. I love dogs. Do you like dogs? My name is Vitalia

Love, Vitalia

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus today. I will give you some chocolate mile and some cookies. Can I have a toy.

Love, Marlie

Dear Santa,
I want 5 toys. I want 100 Bey Blades. I will leave you cookies.

Love, Tyson

Dear Santa,
How Old are you? Do you like Playing?

Love, Lukas B

Sincerely, Abigail

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you cookies and milk. Can you bring me a Wilu and I wond some wil games.

Love, Michael H

Dear Santa,
How r you. I want action figure superman and batman.

Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. I am going to give you a Muffin and Sume cares for the reindeers. I love you Santa

Anais

Dear Santa,
Hello, do you like cookies? Why do you ride a sled?

Cameron S.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. How are the reindeer. I wld like the one coan mo mok o molko .

Love, Danilynn H

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. I want tow fish and one dog.

Love, Savannah B.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? And How are the reindeer. I want a puppet. How is Datsr and how is rotar the red rose reindeer.

Your friend, Kendall

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want two dogs.

From, Caitie

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus. Ples can I have Logo City and a ples car.

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Love, Charley

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? How did you get your Job. How are you?

Love, Jayse

Dear Santa,
How many lives do you have? How many children are there. How are you making out?

From, Gryphon

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, How are you? How are the reindeers? I have my Christmas tree at my house. May I please have a toy Monkey?

Your Friend, Rori

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. How are the reindeers

Isaac

Dear Santa,
How is Santa how is Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus. An how are you. How are you elf. I want Logo Ninjago. Logo Chima. I want a gameboard. I want gowey Lewey and a Helicopter

From Your Friend, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I love you and I love Jesus. Could you bring me Logo please.

Your Friend, Sonni

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. How are you. I love baby Jesus. I want Logo chima I want Logo city I want bat cat. I want to play video game.

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Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
I hope there are a lot of Christmas spirit in the world. I'm hoping to get a Lego set and a Lego chima set. How are you Santa? What kind of cookies do you like? I've been good.

From, Jack

Dear Santa,
How is it going with the presents? I was a really good boy this year I am hoping for a lava lamp and an ipod for my brother and me and a tub. How big is the north pole? I am going to give you Jhjher bread.

Love, Aiden

From, William
Hello,
How are you? I hope you have a great Christmas this year. How is Mrs Claus? I am hoping to get the coke institute and cover girl lipstck. Do you still like chocolate cookies? I have been a good girl this year.

Love, Braedyn

Dear Santa,
How are you? How cold is it in the North Pole? I would like a furby and makeup and a video game.

Love, Asahla

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I was good and bad. Some time I share with my bruff and sometime I really with him. Can I please have guns and aper. I will eve you chocolate milk and chocolate cookies.

Your Friend, Madden

Dear Santa,
How long is the Reindeer Antler? I was kind of bad and good. I was saying inproptie things and I was shain. I want a techic car.

I love Santa

Dear Santa,
I was saying inproptie things and I was shain. I want a techic car.

Love, Matthew

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Dear Santa
How can you disappear? I was good I played with Evan. I want elctrck 4 whrl.
I love Santa

Love Cody

Dear Santa
How old is yr rendeer? I was good befor I gave mrs VH a pictur I made. I want a big stufftum to hug. That's you
Hava a good tif

Love Faylan

Dear Santa
How old is your randear. I was good and bad. I was good becas I shar with my sister. Can I please have some more skylandys.

Love Jack

Dear Santa
How Loring is yr bird? I wont Hockey gloves, ,hockey sticks and hot wells.

Love Karna

Dear Santa
How do to git of the presens I was good becas I shard a pload. I want a toy horse.
Can I please have a par of Reibnacs

Love Evelyn

Dear Santa
How old is Rudolf? I was good and bad. The bad thing that I did is I didn't eat my food fast. The good thing that I did is my jobs. Can I please have a mine craft game for xbox and a stufy that is a polar bear.

Love Kaitlyn

Dear Santa
How are your Reindeer and your elvies. I was good. I played with Karna. I want a blue dragon please.

Love Alka

Dear Santa
My Name is Darren . I love to dance. How do you throw the presents down the chimney? I would like an xbox and GTA %.

Love Darren

Dear Santa
My name is Tate
I am in grade 1 I like to play Hockey. How do you fly? For Christmas I would like about , I am leaving cookies and mil for you

Love Tate

Dear Santa
My name is Ethan How do you fly? I like to help my grandpa. I would like an xbox and another dog. I will leave mil and cookies.

Love Ethan A

Dear Santa
My name is Kaylee I love to help my Dad. How do you make the things? I would like a bay blade

Love Xaynor

Dear Santa
My Name is Kyra. What is your favourite cookie. I would love a doll house. A doctor set. I have a great day.

Love Kyra

Hi
My name is Kaylee. How many days until Christmas. How old are you? For Christmas I would like Barbie spa. I will leave you cookies.

Love Kaylee

Dear Santa
My name is Trinity I like to play on my mom's laptop Do you have Rudolph? I would like my own laptop and a pload. I will leave you cookies and milk and an ipod phone.

Love Trinity

Dear Santa
My name is Cheyenne
I love Christmas. I would like a pig. I will leave you cheese and milk. I love you.

Cheyenne

Dear Santa
My name is Delilah. I love my teacher. Do you like Christmas. Can you bring me an American Doll. Can you bring me a monster high. Your friend Delilah

Love Julia

Dear Santa
My name is Alyssa
I love my teacher. How do you make the toys? Can you buy me a skateboard for Christmas. Can I have a computer. The most nice can I fly.
I love you Santa

Love Alyssa

Dear Santa
My name is Zaiden. Once I bit a fork and my tooth got wiggly. How did you get the Reindeers. For Christmas I want an xbox. I will give you cookies.

Love Zaiden

Dear Santa
My name is Sophia. How old are you. I like an owl, I like a flower, I like a stuffed Polar Bear.
Have a safe trip

Love Sophia

Dear Santa
My name is Arij and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like Thomas, Percy and James.

I want to be your reindeer?
I will leave out mil and cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer.

Love Arij

Dear Santa
I am Ethan, I like playing soccer. How do you get so many elvies? I would like a worker set and a soccer ball and soccer net. Thanks Santa. I will give you one of my boxes of cookies.

Love Ethan W.

Dear Santa
My name is Brynden and I like Hockey. How do you get down the chim? I wud like some sticks and a boxx

Love Brayden

Dear Santa
My name is Meigh I have 2 dog and I love them. A uncom, a chinc, a teckybrun hamper, a snake, a owlsh, a the, a hepl, four fish, a mstach. I love Santa How are you.

Love Meigh

Dear Santa
My name is Sadie. I am in grade one. I love my dad and mom and how do you get your boy to big and how do you fly. Can you please bring me nimbbo hoof. I think your grat.

Love Sadie

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph nose shine? Please bring me a fire breathing toothless dragon, the whispering dragon and skylanders swap force. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Chase

Dear Santa,
How do you make mermaids? How does Rudolph's nose light up? Can you bring me a Minnie mouse kitchen. I love you.

Love, Jordyn

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? How does Rudolphs nose shine? Can you please get me a real puppy and a toy car. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Maddox

Dear Santa,
How do you make it all the way around the world with the Presents on the sleigh? Can I please have a big car and an ipod. I love your reindeer.

From Kye

Dear Santa,
Can you really fly? I want an elf on the shelf. I would like a mini I pad too. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Grant

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you want on Christmas morning? How do you make toys for us? Can you please bring me an American doll and an ipod for Christmas. I hope you are not tired after Christmas.

From Emily

Dear Santa,
How do you fit your presents in the sleigh? Can you say hi to Rudolph. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Can I please have an I pad.

From, Leah

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? Can you bring me a hippo stuffed animal? I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus. I love your reindeer and I love elvies. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,
What does Rudolph do at the North pole? Can you make a real ballet dance floor for me. Please and please can you make me a Monster High school that comes with 3 Monster High dolls. I love you Santa.

Love, Mallory

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? Can you please bring me a stink bom. I want an air hockey game. I like your elvies.

From Alexi

Dear Santa,
Can you really fly? I want skylanders swap force and animal crossing new leaf. I hope you like my cookies.

From Luc

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Are you wrking hard with the elvies? Can you Please get me Trixey Dog My Skateboarding pup. Oh can you please get me a magick Jent guessing game. Have a Merry Christmas.

From Sonja

Dear Santa,
Has Rudolph shined his nose? Can you Please bring me a Playstation. I hope all of you are felling good.

By Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
Has Ted my elf been good? I hope he was. He has good hiding spots. Santa can you please get me traformers and dinosours. I hope you stay healthy.

By Ethan

Dear Santa,
How are your elvies? Could you please get me a Ipad. I hope you stay healthy.

From Michael

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and your reindeer and your elvies? Please bring me a Trixey dog. I hope you stay healthy.

Love, Macie

Dear Santa,
How is the sleigh? How are you doing? How do you get all the presents in one night? Anyway my I Please have a crayonmaker?

Love, Lily

Dear Santa,
How is the weather. How is Mrs. Claws? For Christmas I would like a remote control car. Thank you.

Your friend, Cash

Dear Santa,
I hope I'm on the good list. I wanted a Jabbas pales logo Set, Seven toy cars, and a vidoe game. I have been really good. You rock.

From, Nick

Dear Santa,
I hope you come down here. I am going to feed the Deers. I know how your sleigh flies. I will give you milk and cookies! How is Mrs. Claws doing.

From, James

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer Doring? How are you Doing? Say hi to Mrs. Claus. How is the weather? I hope Im on the Nice list? May I have a big drum set and a real puppy. Thank you. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Ryan

Dear Santa,
How does rudd's nose Lows? And how are the elvies are? How are your minideer doing?

Your friend, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I hope you feel good. I been good so can I please have a Lepo pump? I will maybe put some reindeer food outside.

From, Alex

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a mnl padi? How is Mrs. Claus? I've been good. How is Rudolf? Your pal, Ashton

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus. I would please like a Monster high doll C but not lego blue.

Your friend, Libby

Dear Santa,
How are your Reindeer? Can I have a mster He Dol? How do you m like the toys? Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Taylor

Dear Santa,
When it is Christmas eve I will feed your Reindeer for you. Please May I have a load.

Your friend, Shyan R.

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer are really well for their big trip around the world. I hope I get the game I wanted and I hope you have a safe trip around the world.

Your friend, Ethan

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I can't wait till you come. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you're good!

Your Pal, Taylor

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I wanted Minecraft for Christmas. I will leave out some cookie and I want NHL.

From, Ryder

Dear Santa,
I have been kind this year! Can you get me a phone for Christmas? I'm wondering how the weather is? Have a happy holliday!

Love, Molly

Dear Santa,
How are you at the north pole. I want any toy. Have a safe ride.

Your friend, Sean

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Can you get me a Xbox for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? How is the weather? Happy holliday.

Your friend, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Zesi! I am wondering about rudolf is he ready for Christmas? Can I please have a zommer dog? Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Zee

Dear Santa,
Are you at the north pole sants I hope you are ok. I hope you can get a X box for me or please a skit boat. You rock Santa. Thank you for all the toys you give me.

From, Noah

Dear Santa,
How are your elvies doing. Are they Good or not? I hope you are Good too. You are the best mom ever!

Your friend, Devin

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West End Community Food Drive to collect food Saturday

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Giving a little can make a big difference to someone in need.

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Ambrosio will be col-

lecting non-perishable food items at his store in Ridgeway on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The food drive is part of the Fort Erie Fire Department's collection. Donations can also be dropped off at fire stations in Ridgeway, Stevensville and Crystal Beach.

The collection is part of the West End Community Food Drive to support the St. Vincent De Paul food bank.

"We're looking for all of the staples," Ambrosio said.

Items that are needed include mac and cheese, beans, vegetables, sugar, pasta, rice and cookies.

Ambrosio said pre-

pared bags of groceries ranging from \$10 to \$20 will be available for purchase if people aren't sure which types of items to donate.

"It doesn't take much to give back to the community," Ambrosio said.

"People can donate just a few dollars or a few non-perishable food items. Every little bit helps."

A fire truck will be on display at the grocery store during the fundraiser, Saturday.

Ambrosio invites everyone to come out, make a donation and make the holiday season a little brighter for people in need.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times
Joe's Valumart owner Joe Ambrosio and store manager Jeffery Rogers encourage the community to prepare pre-made grocery bags consisting of \$10 and \$20 donations for the West End Community Food Drive which will take place Saturday to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

Ridgeway Public School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a futby, squinkies, art supplies, math games, math books, lego friends, Build-a-teen, build-a-bear clothes. How is it up in the north pole? I will leave you some milk and cookies.

From Finley

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Miss Clar? Santa can I please have a wolf or a new game? I was very good. You are so cool and I am so happy that you make the world so happy like me and have a great time.

Dear Santa,

My mom said I could have a laptop and could I have a air soft bullet. How are your reindeers. Love your friend,

David

Dear Santa,
I would like a Itunes card, lego, rocks, pokemon, paint balls. Thank you, Your friend,

Caleb

Dear Santa,
I would like a Itunes card, and Lego and I had a spider a few pokemons. How is it doing at the north pole. Thank you, Love, Cane



Dear Santa,
How are you. I hope you are having a great time up in the north pole and with your family. How is Miss Class doing. Dear Santa and theelves doing. I would like a bad money for Christmas and new closs with a camron. And some slipers. And please have with cam new bows that are bogs and they have come on it.

From Vaughn

Dear Santa,
How are you and the Reindeer and your mom. I when't for Christmas is a lopd but drandon ran over my foot with the computer chair then Brunton did not go to his room so then he said sorry that we Played together and we played mind sticks.

From Ty

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Miss Class giving you cookies and milk? Is it ok if I get 7 or 8 things for Christmas? I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like smelly marshmallows, trampoline and easy easy oven, Stushy marker, dig Dog and a Little Dog. I can not wait till you come for Christmas.

Love, Mikayla Lynn

Dear Santa,
How are you. I have been good. I really need marker's because my marker's are wasted and I youtube my marker's in grad one!

Dear Santa,
I would like a pet horse with a fence and a house please. Can I please have the master high castel. How is Miss Class and El's and you.

Love, Laura

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I really need marker's because my marker's are wasted and I youtube my marker's in grad one!

Love, Kayte

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. I hope you are having a good time. Are you excited for Christmas. I know I'm excited. Here are some things I want for Christmas, lego, wwe wresle and an I tunes card. Don't eat to much cookies on Christmas eve.

From Carter

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Marker maker and also a new cool a sewing machine and also some creative stuff and surprise and a slushy maker. I want to know how old you are and Miss Claus.

Sincerely, Emma

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like 3 things. First is a I pad or computer. Second is a furby boom. Third is lego friends. This year I have been very good. My house number is 127 Park St. I will leave a carrot for the reindeer milk and cookies for you. How are you doing?

From Kara

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Ipad, dirt bike, hoodie, air sprayer, permission for Christmas and show how are you doing in the north pole. Can you say the rhyme for me? My address is 3101 evergreen ave.

From Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been mostly good this year. For Christmas I want 13 with Hikaru, 13 wizhiggi, and 13 wish Abzy. Santa can I please have an Ipad and a case for it and can I have a calico critter baby one more thing 2 latastoppy dolls please.

Love, Claudia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been ok this year. I really won't a gne pig please because gne pigs are so cute and because my cat is so laise. That's why I won't a gne pig.

Love, Derek

Dear Santa,
How are you? What I need for Christmas is sticky tac because I have things I want to hang up and I have no sticky tac at home. I hope you have a good night!

From Stella

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. I need a new pair of skoshaw belks! I am taking solar thots yet. I hope you have a good gift giving toys to the wrid.

Love, Callie

Dear Santa,
I bin good. You bring me II illuyw illywy fuug fuug for me.

From Hope

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am so try to better you but for Christmas I will need car's and pokemone car's. Also figure if there are any.

From Tristan

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. Do you get toys.

Love, Steven

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope I get lots of presents. I will have fun with I hope Christmas. I cant wait.

Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a I pod Jam set, bot, lone hockey sic, dog.

Love, Lumbane

Dear Santa,
I am not good yet. I need a wallet because I need to gift my many summer to put it. I wat a hot weekend walk.

Evan

Dear Santa,
I have bin as good as gold. I need a dook of peants this Christmas. Santa I wud like a cheaper plash for Christmas and mine craft plash and send made of dimon.

Love Adam

Dear Santa,
I have bin as good as gold. I need a dook of peants this Christmas. I like getting presents for Christmas for it can I get Toys. Santa can I please have an Ipad and a case for it and can I have a calico critter baby one more thing 2 latastoppy dolls please.

Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I hope you can get me a elf on the shelf. I bin rile gud this yer and why I wot is be cus it is majik and it can fit us in the elcy and I hope I get it for Chismis and have a happy chismis.

Love, Scott

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I know that my Dad gave you a lot of time and said I was good this year to. I been werrnt a lot of time and I hope I get it for Chismis and have a good Christmas.

Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
Grawing. How are you and the meindans? For Christmas I want every one to have a good Christmas.

From Kaidyn

New scarves, hats, mittens and books needed

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Public Library needs help to keep local youth warm during the winter season.

The library's annual Mittens and Books Collection is well underway with the Centennial, Ridgeway - Crystal Ridge and Stevensville branches collecting new books, hats, scarves and mittens for children and teens, said children and teens librarian Laura Martin.

The collection continues until Dec. 9 when the items will be bundled together and given to the Salvation Army, Saint Vincent de Paul and the Stevensville Kinsmens' Gift of Love program to distribute the items to children in need for Christmas.

Martin is encouraging people to stop by a scarf, hat or pair of mittens when they visit the store. "We're hoping for one last push for the fundraiser because we don't know if we'll have enough this

year."

Martin said collections at the Stevensville and Ridgeway Crystal Beach branches have been stellar, but the collection at the Centennial branch has not been as good as it has been in previous years.

"We're hoping people will really kick the fundraiser into high gear during the last bit of it," Martin said.

"If people stop at the dollar store, they have great mittens there that are toasty

and warm."

Last year, the Mittens and Books collection distributed about 1,600 items to youth in Fort Erie. Martin said she hopes to see that many items, if not more, given to youth in need this Christmas.

"I think it's important to note that all of the donations stay within the community, so if you donate to the Stevensville branch, those items will go to children in Stevensville."

Martin said every item

donated is put to good use, and any items leftover are given to Community Program Outreach Erie.

"If we never let anything sit and not be donated, if we never let anything go, we always find a home for our items through COPE," Martin said.

For more information call the Fort Erie Public Library at 905-871-2546.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Children and teens librarian Laura Martin is organizing this year's Mittens and Books Collection at the Fort Erie Public Library. She said donations of new scarves, hats, mittens and books are urgently needed.

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Niagara Action For Animals hope County Fair Mall becomes a shopping destination

Annie Pasquariello
Fort Erie Times

The County Fair mall may not be a destination for residents in town, but a local charity is hoping it will be.

Niagara Action for Animals has been holding a fundraiser bazaar every Saturday and

Sunday and statutory holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the once-full mall.

NAFA is a non-profit, all volunteer charity dedicated to ending the form of animal cruelty through education, direct action and legitimate protest. NAFA does not encourage or incite illicit acts.

The bazaar has much to offer such as a book fair, greeting cards, crafts, collectable ceramics and hand-crafted jewelry. They will also start gift-wrapping services again, something they have been doing for the past 30 years.

NAFA volunteer Patricia Naylor says the idea for a book fair came to her because she wanted to try something different to raise money and awareness for the animals in Niagara. It soon evolved when two book stores from Toronto donated books and greeting cards.

Relying on donations from the community for the bazaar and gift-wrapping services, Naylor says that Fort Erie is, "the most community-minded town with a lot of community spirit."

Preparing for the holiday season, they need supplies such as tissue, bows, tape and scissors.

Naylor says NAFA also gives back to the community by offering community service hours to students.

"The kids have a blast and everyone takes pride in what they are doing," she says. An animal lover and activist, Naylor spends her weekends at the mall raising money for NAFA.

"People can come down

here and find gifts a lot less than what they think they need to spend," she says. "They will also leave knowing

that the money went to a cause with no paid staff and receives no government funding."

If you would like more information or a make a donation, please contact Patricia Naylor at 905-871-7483.



ANNIE PASQUARIELLO Special to the Times
Volunteers Patricia Naylor and Carol Overholt at the fundraising bazaar for Niagara Action for Animals at the County Fair Mall.

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WEST END COMMUNITY

Food Drive. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Ridgewood, Crystal Beach and Stevensville food bank run by St. Vincent De Paul. Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted as Joe's Valumart, Fort Erie Fire Station 4, 5, and 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DECEMBER 8

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NICHOLLS, Blake - Passed away unexpectedly at his home. Beloved husband of the late Miranda "Patricia" (2005). Loving father of Timothy (Judy) Nicholls, Cecily Lewis and Perle (Jeff) Lewis. Grandfather of Nicole and Adam Lewis, Brent, Alison and Christina Nichols and Olivia Shaw. Sadly missed by his sisters Lynn Edwards and Elaine King and many nieces and nephews. Blake was a well-known figure in the community as the owner of "Nichele's" and his love of gardening. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends called Monday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services was held in the Benner Chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to C.O.P.E. would be appreciated by the family.



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Anne Marie Lambert (nee Cotton)
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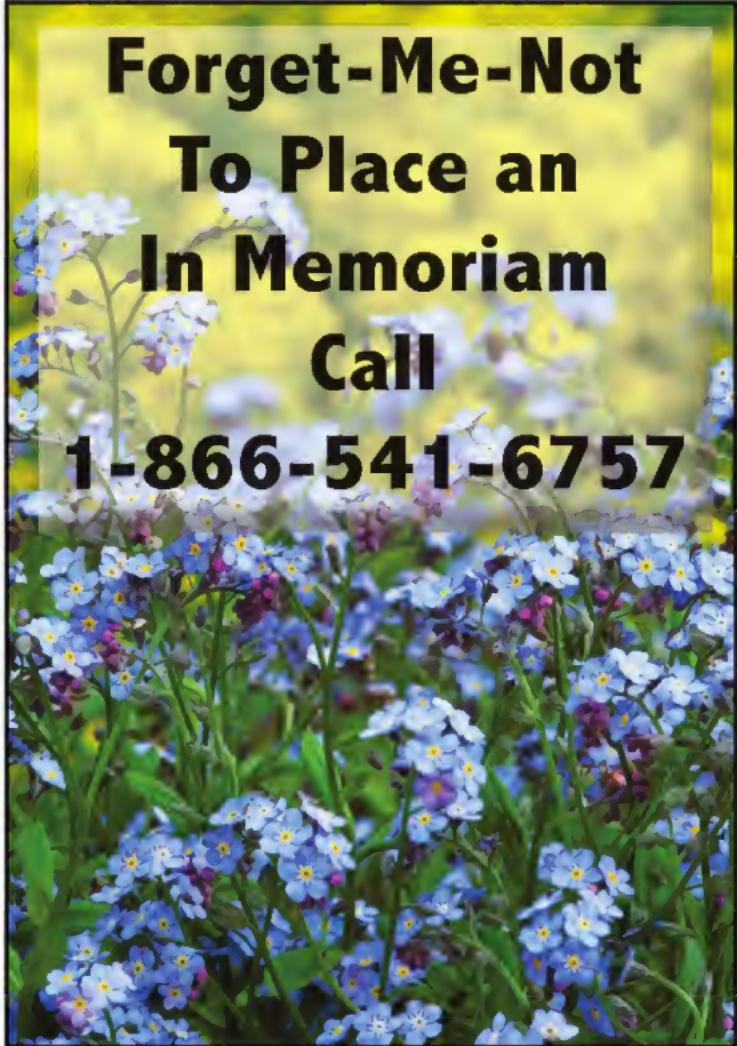
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Remembering Sophiee

Annie Pasquariello
For The Times

Family, friends and members of the community honoured the memory of the Cindy "Sophiee" McCooey

on Monday evening with a special tree lighting ceremony at Derby Circle in Crystal Beach.

The annual ceremony is dedicated to the memory of Sophiee who passed away from cancer in 2009. Her

mother, Diane Nowicki wanted a way to honour her daughter and contacted then Ward 5 Coun. Martha Lockwood, and from there the idea for the tree came to life.

Lockwood said they decided on the location of Derby Circle because Nowicki grew up in Crystal Beach and it has become a real blessing for the community.

Butch

McCooey, Sophiee's brother,

says it wasn't for Lockwood, the tree may not be as healthy as it is today

Lockwood watered the tree and took care of it every day in its first year in the circle.

"We love her for doing what she has done for our family," Stevensville Garden

Gallery donated the tree and this year Canadian Niagara Power provided the lights.

The Crystal Beach Business

Improvement Association also added white lights to

the scene as a focal

point to the tree.

This year, Sophiee's brother Sean held the honour of lighting the tree and shared a humorous story about his sister.

Nowicki brings her daughter's favourite yellow roses every year and invites the attendees to take a rose and place it on the tree.

The family also honours Sophiee's memory by continuing to support Community program Outreach Erie because Sophiee served on the organization's board of directors.

"What they (COPE) do is phenomenal," Butch said.

Nowicki said she would like people to remember Sophiee's smile.

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Many ear infections are caused by viruses and resolve on their own without antibiotic treatment. For many children treated with antibiotics only one will have resolution within 48 hours. Also antibiotics can cause some adverse effects such as diarrhea, skin rashes, allergic responses, and an increase in antibiotic resistance. Most children who have ear infections can be treated with "watchful waiting".

In general healthy children six months and older can be treated with "watchful waiting". Children younger than this and those with other ailments should be treated with an antibiotic. If the oral temperature exceeds 39°C, there is severe ear pain, or your child is extremely ill, an antibiotic should also be considered. You can also ask your doctor for an antibiotic prescription to be used if your child is not improving on their own within 48 to 72 hours. (This way you don't have to make a repeat trip to the doctor).

If your child requires an antibiotic take careful note of the kind of medication and the dose being given. The drug of choice is Amoxicillin given at a high dose (80mg/kg/day) divided twice a day for five days. If your child is less than two, or has had frequent infections, a ten day course should be given. For children with a penicillin allergy, amoxicillin-clavulanate (Augmentin) can also be given. There are other choices as well but the above are the most common starting point. If there is no improvement after two days of antibiotics the medication should be changed. If you are seeing a different physician make sure you inform them what type of antibiotic your child has had, and what dose they were on.

All children complaining of ear pain can be treated with ibuprofen (Advil), and/or acetaminophen (Tylenol). This will help to lessen any fever and reduce the pain being caused by the infection.

To help reduce the risk of ear infections it is important to use frequent hand washing, and washing of toys, and liners on a regular basis. Breastfeeding until three months of age can also reduce the risk of infection in a child's first year. Limiting pacifier use and exposure to tobacco smoke can help, as well as limiting daycare in children less than one year of age. It is also important to have your child vaccinated for influenza and pneumococcal infections.

Luckily most kids' ear infections will improve on their own in seven to ten days. Symptomatic treatment of pain and fever is all that is really needed. However, if you feel your child is very ill, make sure you see a doctor and use the antibiotic prescribed appropriately.

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BUTCH MCCOOEY Special to the Times
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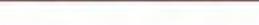
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